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1. Location

Factory No. 4 of Zbrojovka Brno at Lisen is located on the main road between Brno and Rousinov. It stands 400 m. back from the road between Brno and Lisen and is bounded on three sides by hills. A sketch of this factory is attached.

2. General

The factory, built during the German occupation, is equipped with modern machinery. During the war, aircraft engine parts and shells were produced. The factory was partly damaged in 1945 but was repaired in 1946. In 1945, production was turned over to ball bearings and roller bearings, as well as to parts for sewing machines and textile machinery. At the end of 1948 or the beginning of 1949, machinery for the production of ball bearings was received . In the summer of 1949, the production of parts for the Zetor tractor was started. 50X1-HUM

3. Production

a. The output at the end of 1948 amounted, monthly, to between 60,000 and 80,000 ball bearings 50X1-HUM

b. Production was planned at the rate of 150,000 bearings of all types per month, but because of shortages in raw materials and a lack of skilled workers, it has not been possible to achieve this objective.

c. By offering special inducements to the workers, the percentage of defective bearings has been reduced from 80% to 25%.

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d. The bearings produced are destined for use in motor cars, tractors, and all types of electric motors; a certain proportion is intended for export to the USSR. The sewing machine and textile machine parts are sent to the Vsetin factory of Brno where the main assembly plant is located. Tractor parts are sent to Factory No. 1 at Brno.

e. Goods are dispatched from the factory by rail from Cernovice.

4. Raw Materials

Raw materials are obtained from the Vitkovic iron and steel works, but they are not entirely satisfactory as the metal is too hard and can only be worked with difficulty. Additional supplies were to have been obtained [redacted], but none has arrived. Consequently the ball bearings which are produced are only about 50% as effective as those produced in the West. 50X1-HUM

5. Personnel

Twenty-one hundred workers are employed. The ball bearings department employs 1,400 men in three shifts. The other departments work in one shift from 0600 to 1400 hours. There are also 300 office employees.

6. Power

Power is supplied by the West Moravian Electricity Works.

Encls: 1. Sketch of Factory No 4 of Zbrojovka Brno at Lisen (2 pages).
2. Key to Sketch.

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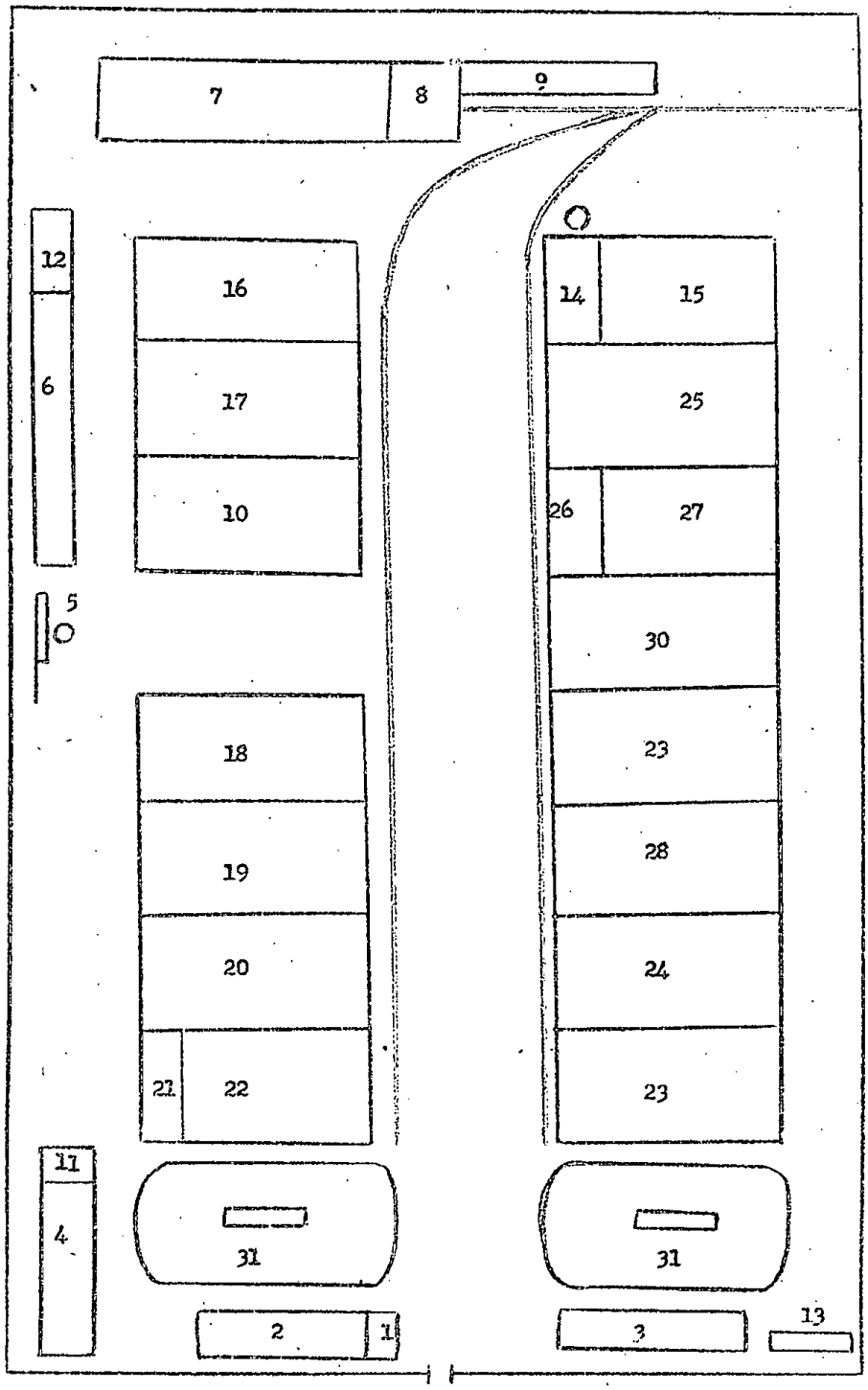
Factory No. 4



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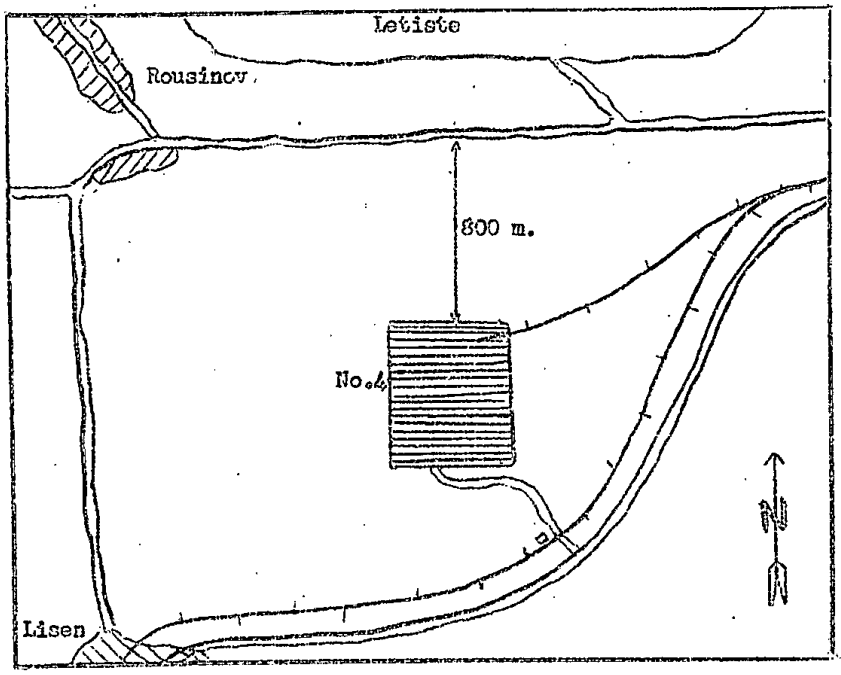

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Key to Attachment I

1. Main entrance.
2. Accountants' department; works council.
3. Administrative building.
4. Technical offices.
5. Gasoline tank.
6. Garage.
7. Main store.
8. Shipping rooms.
9. Loading ramp and siding.
10. Factory kitchen.
11. Sick room.
12. Works fire brigade.
13. Workers' lockers.
14. Boiler house.
15. Forge.
16. Machine store.
17. Udrzba (sic).
18. Textile machine department.
19. Tractor department.
20. Control workshops.
21. Offices.
22. Store for apparatus and products.
23. & 24. Ball bearing shops.
25. Testing shop.
26. X-ray and measuring apparatus.
27. Checking department.
28. & 29. Grinding shops.
30. Hall temporarily empty.
31. Gardens with water.

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